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1. An airfield, about 5,000 feet square with a grass cover, was about 1.3 miles west of the main railroad station of TULA (37°37'E/54°12'N), Tula Oblast, south of the Upa River. There was a wooden building, presumably a small workshop, on the eastern side of the field; tents were on the southern side where the twin-engine planes were parked. A parachute unit was quartered in a cantonment east of the field.
2. About 35 twin-engine transports and cargo gliders were stationed at the field.
3. Parachuting was observed late every day with 12 to 15 twin-engine planes flying over the field at an altitude of 2,000 to 2,600 feet. Ten to twelve men jumped from each plane.
4. Another airfield was about two miles north of the town, in line with the extended Red October Street, north of the Upa River. The field, located on a little plateau, was bordered by young woods on the south and east.
5. Twin-engine planes with double rudder assembly, in-line engines, and rounded wings were observed over the field. These planes were first seen in April and May 1948 and were called Ilyushin by the Soviets. They flew only in formations of two or three flights, and had an estimated speed of 250 mph. Biplanes were parked on the side of the field near October Street.

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Comment:

The data on the airfield of TULA West and its occupation by transports and cargo gliders for the training of parachutists confirmed available information. * The data on the airfield

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north of TULA, which was gathered while passing this field on a truck and is therefore of limited value, is at variance with previous information covering the same period.** According to this report, a twin-engine bomber formation, presumably equipped with Pe-2s, must be assumed to be stationed there; but previous reports indicated that transport planes for parachute training were mostly observed at the field. The statement that aircraft were Ilyushin designs must be taken as referring to the IL-12. The existence of a twin-engine Ilyushin craft with double rudder assembly and a speed of about 250 mph is not known; however, the estimated speed would be in agreement with that of the IL-12 transport equipped with two radial engines and single rudder assembly (actual speed of this craft is about 220 mph).

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